

# **ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

## **DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES**

### **NEWS RELEASE**



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#### **2013 KUSKOKWIM BAY-CAPE ROMANZOF HERRING NEWS RELEASE 18**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for commercial herring fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

##### **Cape Avinof District**

The Cape Avinof District commercial herring fishing period will be extended for 24 hours effective (midnight) 12:00 a.m., Thursday, June 13, 2013 until (midnight) 12:00 a.m., Friday, June 14, 2013.

A preseason projected biomass of 1,773 tons of herring has set the guideline harvest level (GHL) at 266 tons. Aerial surveys were flown on June 6 and 7, 2013. Although fish were observed in the district, the water conditions during both surveys were not favorable to get an accurate estimate of the biomass. The GHL could potentially increase if a greater biomass is observed during subsequent aerial surveys.

At this time, there has been no reported harvest from the Cape Avinof District commercial herring fishery.

ADF&G's fishery managers can be reached by calling Travis Elison at (907) 543-2709 and Aaron Tiernan at (907) 543-2331 in the Bethel office for Kuskokwim Bay, and Jeff Estensen (907) 459-7217 in the Fairbanks office for Cape Romanzof. Current fishery information will be available by calling the telephone recorder in Bethel at (907) 543-2598 or toll free at (855) 933-2433. Recordings will be updated as information becomes available. Fishery updates will also be available at the Commercial Fisheries website:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>

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